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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT TO US BY GEN TOUFANIAN IN MARCH

1. GENERAL TOUFANIAN HAS TOLD DEFREP PRIVATELY THAT HE IS PLANNING TRIP TO US NEXT MONTH. TOUFANIAN, ASSUMING SHAH AGREES, WILL ACCOMPANY HIS WIFE FOR CHECK-UP AT SLOAN KETTERING INSTITUTE WHERE SHE RECENTLY UNDERWENT SURGERY.

2. TOUFANIANS ALSO WOULD PLAN TO VISIT A SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW IN DAYTON, OHIO, WHO ARE EXPECTING BIRTH OF CHILD IN MARCH. ADDITIONALLY, THEY WOULD PLAN TO VISIT ANOTHER SON WHO IS GRADUTATE STUDENT IN WASHINGTON, DC. DURING TEXAS PORTION OF TRIP TOUFANIAN WOULD AIM TO REVIEW IN DETAIL PROPOSED HELICOPTER CO-PRODUCTION PROGRAM WHICH IS UNDER DIRECT COMMERCIAL CONTRACT WITH BELL/TEXTRON.

3. WHILE IN WASHINGTON TOUFANIAN INTENDS TO REVIEW WITH AMB ZAHEDI RECENT US PRESS STORIES ON IRANIAN DEFENSE PROCUREMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS. IT IS CLEAR FROM TOUFANIAN COMMENTS TO DEFREP, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO BE INVITED TO PENTAGON. TOUFANIAN HAS BEEN BRIEFED IN FULL (FROM STATE 17333) ABOUT
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INTENTIONS OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION IN ARMS TRANSFER FIELD, INCLUDING PRESIDENTIALLY COMMISSIONED POLICY REVIEW, AND REALIZES THAT IT IS TOO EARLY TO ENGAGE IN MORE THAN TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS.

4. DEFREP HAS NOT OFFERED ANY ENCOURAGEMENT TO TOUFANIAN ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF PENTAGON SESSIONS,

IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR NATURE.

5. WE URGE THAT QUESTION OF POSSIBLE TOUFANIAN VISIT
TO THE PENTAGON BE CONSIDERED IN THE LARGER CONTEXT OF
THE ON-GOING ARMS TRANSFER POLICY REVIEW AND THE
APPROPRIATENESS OF HIGH LEVEL CONTACT BETWEEN MILITARY
PERSONALITIES EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR TEHRAN AT THIS TIME.
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